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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Press References to THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT

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1. Extracts from Book:

LOOK Magazine, 16 and 30 June

2. News Stories:

LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL (Robert Riggs), 21 May
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR (William Stringer), 23 May
MIAMI NEWS, 1 June
MIAMI HERALD, 2 June
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 2 June (also appeared in MIAMI HERALD, 3 June)
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 2 June
NEW YORK TIMES (Jack Raymond), 2 and 8 June
(Both items, carried by the NEW YORK TIMES News Service, appeared in the PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN).
WASHINGTON STAR, 7 June
MINNEAPOLIS MORNING TRIBUNE (Charles Bailey), 9 June
(This story, dealing with CIA attempts to "censor" the book, was picked up by the AP on 9 June. The AP story appeared in the DES MOINES REGISTER and the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE on 10 June. We have not seen it elsewhere. The NEW YORK TIMES wrote their own short piece on this subject on 10 May, after interviewing Bennett Cerf).

3. Editorials:

LEWISTON (Idaho) TRIBUNE, 23 May
Miami WTVJ-TV (Ralph Renick), 1 June
THE NATION, 15 June

4. Columnists:

Marquis Childs in ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 19 May
" " " LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL, 19 May
" " " WASHINGTON POST, 20 May
" " " PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN, 20 May

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William Buckley in NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN, 2 June
" " " BALTIMORE NEWS-AMERICAN, 3 June
" " " MIAMI HERALD (first edition only), 3 June
" " " LOS ANGELES TIMES, 4 June
" " " CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, 4 June
" " " WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, 8 June
Richard Starnes in WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, 8 June

5. Book Reviews:

NEW YORK TIMES (Orville Prescott), 15 June
NEWSWEEK, 22 June

6. Miscellaneous:

Publication announcement in PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY, 27 April
Reference in "Periscope" column in NEWSWEEK, 18 May
Reference to Allen Dulles and Bennett Cerf in ROANOKE WORLD-NEWS, 21 May
Reference to LOOK article in Kupcinet column in CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 1 June
Paragraph announcing 22 June publication date in "Books-Authors" column in NEW YORK TIMES, 4 June
The MIAMI NEWS on 4 June carried two "Letters to the Editor" criticizing the LOOK condensation of the book.
The KIPLINGER WASHINGTON LETTER on 5 June carried a note saying that the book would appear, despite reports that it would be suppressed.
Reference to book in Tom Wicker article on political literature in NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, 7 June
Reference in Al Horne column to LOOK article in NEW YORK POST, 7 June
Reference in "Currents" column of PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY, 8 June, on Marquis Childs column on security breaches and Random House's rebuttal.

7. Communist Re-Play:

Radio Havana (Commentary), in English to Europe, 3 June
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Radio Moscow (Commentary) by Aleksandr Druzhinin), in Rumanian on 3 June, in Pushtu on 4 June, and twice in Korean on 8 June

8. Summary of the Most Significant Writings

a. The three best news articles are the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR's 23 May story, the WASHINGTON STAR's 7 June story, and Jack Raymond's NEW YORK TIMES stories of 2 June and 8 June. All three are sympathetic. The STAR's "news story" clobbers the book (Tab A).

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b. Of the three editorials, the LEWISTON (Idaho) TRIBUNE's is unfriendly and the Miami WTVJ-TV's is friendly. THE NATION's editorial is unfriendly, but is also a very poor piece (Tab B).

c. Of the columnists, William Buckley is strongly pro-CIA, Richard Starnes strongly anti-CIA, and Marquis Childs is somewhere in between (Tab C).

d. Of the two book reviews so far, only NEWSWEEK's is worthwhile. It is very critical of the book. The other review is Orville Prescott's NEW YORK TIMES piece (Tab D).

e. The Communist re-play began early and is worth watching carefully (Tab E).

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Attachment:
Tabs A-E

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